

I'm writing to request that you deny NAB's petition 04-160 attempting to restrict the kind of local programming that XM and Sirius are trying to offer. As an unexpected XM radio convert, I've found there are many things that it has to offer above and beyond the monotonous buzz that local FM/AM radio stations have adopted in recent years. The innovation in programming and content delivery with traffic and radio have woken up an industry who has been resting on their laurels and not provided anything new to the consumer in years. I hope that the competition from a real, solid and desirable competitor will stimulate local stations to up the quality of what they produce and generate a product worth having again. Please deny the NAB's position trying to regulate away a competitor and allowing them to take the easy way out. This is country's economy is great because it is built on innovation and competition -- let's continue that great tradition versus regulating it aw! ay.